

Torrance, California
June 13, 1939

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, June 13, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held May 23, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from J.A. Rasmussen, addressed to Leonard J. Young, was read, asking that some definite assurance be given as to improvement of Greenwood Avenue, advising construction of houses is being delayed awaiting this assurance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Rasmussen be notified that the street will be rocked and oiled as soon as possible after construction begins. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from The American Legion Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 was read, advising they are in favor of keeping the school playgrounds open during the summer. The City was asked to assist by contacting the Los Angeles City School Board with a like proposal.

Mayor Tolson said he had called on the Los Angeles City School Board with reference to this matter, and had been advised that no funds are available for this purpose. He suggested that Clerk Bartlett also contact the School Board and direct a letter to the American Legion Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, advising them of the situation.

A communication was read from the Walteria Civic Organization, requesting that the Parkway at Newton Street and Hawthorne Boulevard be cleaned and signs removed. Councilman Hitchcock reported this matter already attended to.

A communication was read from the Long Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, inviting the Torrance Municipal Band to participate in a parade to be held at Long Beach June 23, 1939 at 7:00 P.M.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to contact the Torrance Municipal Band with reference to the matter.

A communication was read from John Davis, 1608 Hickory Street, requesting removal of a eucalyptus tree at that location. Referred to the Street Department for action.

A communication was read from the South Bay Humane Society, reporting services performed during the 1938-1939 fiscal year and requesting renewal of their contract for the 1939-40 fiscal year.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up a resolution renewing the contract with the South Bay Humane Society for the 1939-1940 fiscal year. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Texas Company, enclosing check for \$66.91, amounts due or claimed to be due under Franchise Ordinances Nos. 117, 884, 1129, and 1377 for the period January 1, 1938 to December 31, 1938, inclusive. Matter of record.

Clerk Bartlett read a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on May 23, 1939. The Resolution specified that cities using gas tax allocations purchase road materials on the County contract and through the County Purchasing Agent unless said city can procure a better price on these materials than that quoted by the County.

Mayor Tolson said he was under the impression this Resolution had since been repealed.

A request of James E. Bryant, 908 Lagoon Avenue, Wilmington, for permission to sell fireworks on 101 Highway west of Pennsylvania Avenue and the Lomita and Torrance boundary line, was read.

A request of R.E. Parker, 24043 Hawthorne Boulevard, Walteria, for permission to sell fireworks at 101 Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard was read.

Councilman McGuire moved that the requests be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition was read protesting the use for private purposes of the sign on the westerly line of Palos Verdes Drive at the Northwestern entrance thereon to Palos Verdes Estates, bearing signatures of 11 residents and property owners of Palos Verdes Estates.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the owner of the sign be requested to remove it, either to the Palos Verdes Estates, or some other location. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 P.M., bids for furnishing materials for improvement of Redonde Avenue from Redonde Beach Boulevard to 182nd Street were opened and read by Clerk Bartlett in the following order.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Arrow Rock Company | 800 tons selected material | Alternate bid |
| 2815 Glendale Blvd. | 150 tons #4 crushed rock | \$1.07 per ton |
| Los Angeles | 80 tons #5 crushed rock | 1.12 per ton |
| | 175 bbls 95-plus road oil | No bid. |

The above prices subject to sales tax - discount of 20% per ton allowed for payment by 25th proximo - all time on job in excess of 15 minutes charged for at the rate of \$2.40 per hour.

Alternate bid offered for selected material for pavement base: #2 or #3 crushed rock, \$1.02 per ton subject to terms and conditions above.

A certified check in the amount of \$50.00 accompanied the bid.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Edward Sidebotham & Son, Inc., | 800 tons road material | \$.43 per ton |
| 751 East "L" Street | 150 tons #4 crushed rock | 1.22 per ton |
| Wilmington | 80 tons #5 crushed rock | 1.25 per ton |

All the above prices "net" and subject to sales tax.

A certified check in the amount of \$62.70 accompanied the bid.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Paulson & March | 175 bbls 95 plus road oil | \$1.34 per bbl. |
| 8275 Compton Avenue | | |
| Los Angeles, Calif., | | |

The above price included sales tax.

A certified check in the amount of \$25.00 accompanied the bid.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Owl Truck & Materials Co. | 800 tons selected material | No bid |
| 420 South Alameda Street | 150 tons #4 crushed rock | \$1.08½ per ton |
| Compton | 80 tons #5 crushed rock | 1.08½ per ton |
| | 175 bbls. 95 plus road oil | No bid |

The above prices subject to sales tax - terms net - 25th proximo.

A certified check in the amount of \$25.00 accompanied the bid.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Pacific Rock & Gravel Co. | 80 tons #5 crushed rock | \$1.55 per ton |
| 208 West Eighth Street | 150 tons #4 crushed rock | 1.50 per ton |
| Los Angeles, Calif. | 800 tons selected material | |
| | (either #2 or #3 crushed rock | |
| | or a mixture of #2 & #3 rock) | \$1.48 per ton |

The above prices subject to sales tax - discount of 20¢ per ton - 15th proximo - all time on job in excess of 15 minutes charged for at the rate of 4¢ per minute.

No check accompanied bid.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Union Oil Co. of California | 175 bbls 95 plus road oil | \$1.9923 per bbl |
| 500 Union Oil Bldg. | | |
| Los Angeles | | |

The above prices subject to sales tax, to be added to base price of \$1.1423 per barrel - all time on job in excess of two hours to be charged for at the rate of \$3.50 per hour.

No check accompanied bid.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lamb Transportation Co. | 175 bbls 95 plus road oil | \$1.61 per bbl. |
| 828 Cowles Street | | in 50 bbl. deliveries |
| Los Angeles | | \$2.084 per bbl. |
| | | in 20 bbl. deliveries |

The above prices include sales tax.

A certified check in the amount of \$37.00 accompanied the bid.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Gilmore Oil Company | 175 bbls 95 plus road oil | \$2.15 per bbl. |
| 2423 East 28th Street | | |
| Los Angeles | | |

The above price subject to sales tax.

A certified check in the amount of \$40.00 accompanied the bid.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Morgan Bros. | 175 bbls 95 plus road oil | \$2.08 per bbl. |
| 3430 East Slauson Ave. | | in 20 bbl. deliveries |
| Maywood | | \$1.63 per bbl. |
| | | in 50 bbl. deliveries |
| | | \$1.48 per bbl. |
| | | in 70 bbl. deliveries |

All time on job in excess of two hours to be charged for at the rate of \$4.50 per hour.

No check accompanied the bid.

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>MATERIAL</u> | <u>BID</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Graham Brothers, Inc. | 800 tons select material | \$.47 per ton |
| 3425 Fowler Ave. | 150 tons #4 crushed rock | 1.29 per ton |
| Los Angeles | 80 tons #5 crushed rock | 1.29 per ton |

The above prices subject to sales tax - terms net - 25th proximo.

A cashier's check in the amount of \$90.00 accompanied the bid.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a recess be declared for the City Engineer and City Attorney to check the bids. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 P.M.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bid of Edward Sidebotham & Son, Inc., for 800 tons road material at \$.43 per ton be accepted and all other bids rejected. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bid of the Owl Truck and Materials Company for 150 tons #4 crushed rock at \$1.08½ per ton and 80 tons #5 crushed rock at \$1.08½ per ton be accepted and all other bids be rejected. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bid of Paulson and March for 175 bbls. 95 plus road oil at \$1.34 per barrel be accepted and all other bids be rejected. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Torrance District Committee, Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, regarding creation of a city park area in the Hollywood Riviera section of the City of Torrance for the use of Boy Scouts and related groups. The site selected, it was stated, is ideally situated, being bounded by a fence and hedge, there also being a water line within the area and a building suitable for general use.

Mr. Clifford Reid, who has some real estate interests in the vicinity near the proposed camp, said he could see no objection to such a proposal and offered to serve on a committee. Dr. Bingham suggested also that one of the City Council members serve on the committee, to work with the Boy Scout officials.

After discussing the plan, the matter was referred to the Recreation Department.

A communication bearing thirty-four signatures was read, asking the City Council to reconsider its action in denying an appropriation to the Junior Musicians of America to help defray expenses of a group trip to the San Francisco Fair.

Mayor Tolson said he had been contacted and informed about \$250.00 is needed in addition to funds on hand to send the entire group to the Fair.

It was suggested the Chamber of Commerce handle the matter as an advertising function.

Councilman Powell moved that Mayor Telson be appointed to represent the City Council and meet with the Chamber of Commerce to see what can be done. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition signed by twenty-one residents was read, in which it was requested that the park located through the center of Madrid Street between Sierra and Dominguez Streets be improved.

Councilman Murray moved that the petition be referred to the Street Department for report at the next meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 311

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 310, AND DECLARING THE CLOSING UP, VACATING AND ABANDONING IN WHOLE OF THAT PORTION OF THE 15-FOOT ALLEY IN BLOCK 2 OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 33 OF MEADOW PARK TRACT.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of ordinance No. 311 be dispensed with. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 311 be adopted for final reading. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Telson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Young reported he had designated house numbers for the houses know unofficially as Spurlin Court and would notify the tenants to place the numbers as designated.

Engineer Young presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1340

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE NAME OF A CERTAIN ALLEY.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1340 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Telson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Young presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1341

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAMES OF CERTAIN STREETS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1341 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Telson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$303.21 be made for 194 tons rock for street repair. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Telson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$1,325.00, plus sales tax, be made for a street sweeper to

replace the old street sweeper. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$151.20 be made for repairs to curb and sidewalks. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$226.60 be made for pre-mixed asphalt for paving of El Dorado Street from Amapola Avenue to Cota Avenue. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$250.00 be made for a portion of the janitor supplies and equipment for the year 1939-40. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made for a survey in connection with the installation and operation of a bus line between Welteria and Los Angeles. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$500.00 be made for completion of the Pistol Range. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$607.25 be made for purchase of a 1939 Mercury for the Police Department, to replace the Ford, on which a trade-in allowance of \$600.00 is given. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. AYES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.


Attorney McCall reported he had written to the Farmers Automobile Insurance Exchange for further details regarding the claim for damages to an automobile by oil spray but as yet no answer had been received.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

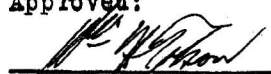
Mr. Allen asked that the unsightly eucalyptus trees on Plaza del Amo be beautified, stating they give the street a slovenly appearance. Referred to the Street Department.

Councilman Murray moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:06 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance